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REMARKS**STATUS OF CLAIMS**

Claim 3, 4, 17 and 18 are cancelled and new claims 19 to 23 are presented.

Claims 1, 2, 5-13, 15-16 and 19-23 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY WALKER (U.S. PATENT 5,749,277) OVER FUJIWARA;

CLAIMS 1, 3, 13-15 AND 17 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY FUJIWARA (U.S. PATENT 6,831,670)

The above rejections are respectfully traversed, as moot.

More particularly, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 3/1 and 4/3, the latter indicated to be allowable and rendering claim 1 allowable.

Likewise, claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 17/14 and 18/17, the latter indicated to be allowable and rendering claim 14 allowable.

New claims 19 to 23 are added, the independent claims 19 and 21-23 being based on allowable claims 5/3, 7/3, 8/3 and 12/11 which respectively render the independent claims allowable and, further, claim 20 depends from claim 19 and accordingly is allowable in view thereof.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims are in allowable condition in accordance with the indications of the Action and, there being no other objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, which Action is earnestly solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

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